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*Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their* *home.*

**Welcome to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church!** Our mission is to **proclaim and embody the compassionate, challenging, and inclusive love of God revealed in Jesus Christ**. Your age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, doubts and questions are all part of your story as a beloved child of God, and your whole self is welcome and affirmed here.

**If you are a first-time visitor, welcome!** We hope you will fill out a Welcome Card from your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it comes around - we’d love to get to know you! You are also welcome to communion today.

**Live streaming and recording** occur at our 9:30 am service. Those who worship online enjoy seeing people in the sanctuary, so if you are comfortable being on camera, please sit in the chairs to the right of the altar or close to the piano.

**The assisted listening system** in our sanctuary is compatible with personal hearing aids with the setting “T”. Portable receivers and headsets are available from an usher.

**Children are always welcome in worship**. Activities for kids are located on the bookshelf located at the back of the sanctuary. Childcare is also available at the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services in our nursery. The nursery is designed for children ages 4 and younger – follow the overhead sign in the narthex that directs you to the hallway towards the nursery (on the right).

**Sunday School** for kids aged 3 through 6th grade occurs during our 9:30 am service, and all are welcome. As Sunday School takes place throughout the building, ask an usher or staff person where to find your child’s class.

**This worship bulletin is intended to be used at all three services today.** Please leave it on your seat after the 8:00 and 9:30 worship. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Feel free to take home the announcement insertsfor your personal use.

**As we begin worship, we invite you to silence your cell phone.**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024** **First Sunday after Epiphany**



**Gathering**

*The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.*

***Throughout today’s worship, you are invited to participate***

***by joining in speaking the words in bold type.***

**Prelude** ***Seek Ye First*** Arief Abraham, piano

arranged by Arief Abraham

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn** ***Songs of Thankfulness and Praise***

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**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

creator of darkness and light,

word of truth,

wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another**

**and sinned against you.**

**We have not recognized the Holy Spirit**

**dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God’s beloved.

**Amen.**

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Description automatically generated***Hymn of Praise** ***Glory to God in the Highest***



**Verse 1**

**to Refrain**



**Verse 2**

**to Refrain**

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Let’s all be seated.*



**Word**

**First Reading**

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God’s presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God’s praise.

1Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
  and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
 2For darkness shall cover the earth,  
  and thick darkness the peoples;  
 but the Lord will arise upon you,  
  and his glory will appear over you.  
 3Nations shall come to your light,  
  and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

4Lift up your eyes and look around;  
  they all gather together, they come to you;  
 your sons shall come from far away,  
  and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms.  
 5Then you shall see and be radiant;  
  your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
  the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
  the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
  all those from Sheba shall come.  
 They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
  and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Your Word is a lamp for my feet,

**and a light to my path.**

**Psalm Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

1Give the king your justice, O God,  
  and your righteousness to the king’s son;  
 2**that he may rule your people righteously**  
  **and the poor with justice;**  
 3that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
  and the hills, in righteousness.  
 4**Let him defend the needy among the people,**  
  **rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**  
 5May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
  from one generation to another.  
 6**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,**  
  **like showers that water the earth.**  
 7In his time may the righteous flourish;  
  and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
 10**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,**  
  **and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**  
 11May all kings bow down before him,  
  and all the nations do him service.  
 12**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,**  
  **the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**  
 13He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
  and preserves the lives of the needy.  
 14**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,**  
  **and precious is their blood in his sight.**

11:00 **Children’s Message**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Please stand as you are able to greet the reading of the Gospel.*

*Please sing twice.*

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**Gospel** **Matthew 2:1-12**

**Spark Story Bible p. 218**

God’s promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

1In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” 3When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  
 6‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
  are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
 for from you shall come a ruler  
  who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”  
 7Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” 9When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Let’s all be seated.*

**Sermon** Pastor Gina Herman

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day *The First Noel***

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**ALL:** 1

**ALL:** 2

**UPPER:** 3

**LOWER:** 4

**ALL:** 5

**Apostles’ Creed**

Trusting in God’s love wherever our journeys lead, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Trusting in God’s good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves, saying:

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Our communal prayers begin with a short time of silence and then petitions for the world, the church, and people and places in particular need. You will also be invited to name, in speech or silence, the prayers you carry with you.*

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace.

**Amen.**



**Meal**

**Sharing the Peace**

The peace of God be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Bearing in mind the personal comfort of those around you, please share a friendly sign  
of God’s peace and reconciliation with others and then be seated.*

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We invite you to contribute to our shared mission and ministry. Scan the  
following QR code to reach the Giving page on our website.

**Offertory** ***Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!***

*Please stand as you are able.*

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**Music During Offering** ***The Lord's Prayer*** Arief Abraham, piano

arranged by Arief Abraham

**Offertory Prayer**

Holy God,

**your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross.**

**As you gather us around these signs of your love,**

**warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our right, our duty and our joy…. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





**Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus teaches us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Let’s all be seated.*

**Communion Distribution**

*All are welcome to God’s meal, where ordinary bread and wine become extraordinary, filled with Christ’s presence. Ushers will direct you to one of the stations in front. Communion will be by intinction. You will receive a wafer, which you may dip into the chalice with wine, or with juice, then eat. Wafers in the small bowl on the side of the plate are gluten free. If you avoid gluten, please take one for yourself. If you would prefer not to receive communion, please feel free to remain seated or come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

**Lamb of God**

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**Hymn during Distribution *What Feast of Love***





**Sending**

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand as you are able.*

God of wonder,

in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near.

**As you have come among us now,**

**send us out in joy, ready to share**

**the good news of your love.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit dwelling with us now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

God the Creator who delights in you,

Jesus the Savior who is born for you,

and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you,

+ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

**Amen.**

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Description automatically generatedSending Hymn *Arise! Your Light Has Come***

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Like God, shine bright.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Arief Abraham, piano

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| **SERVING TODAY – January 7** | | | |
|  | **8:00** | **9:30** | **11:00** |
| **ACOLYTES** | n/a | Eloise Warren | Aiden Stewart |
| **ASSISTING MINISTER** | Dennis Pierce | Julie Billett | Ron Nitz |
| **GREETERS** | Kathy Doran | Heidi Warren  Judy Meyer | Rosemary Dunkle  Cathy Dunlop |
| **USHERS** | Rich Riggert | Brad and Carol Stolz | Jeff and Kristin Reeder |
| **A/V TECHNICIAN** | Becky Cole | Zander Cole | Heath Stewart |
| **COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP** | Kathy Doran | n/a | Martha Krug |

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| **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – January 14** | | | |
|  | **8:00** | **9:30** | **11:00** |
| **ACOLYTES** | n/a | Micah Herman | Louisa Higson |
| **ASSISTING MINISTER** | Christina Brugman | Eric Henrikson | Jennifer Williams |
| **GREETERS** | Dennis Pierce | Michael and Jennifer Lally | Maryrose Henebry  Nancy Swanson |
| **USHERS** | Bryan and Marsha Maxfield | Doug and Dana Jacobson | Rosemary Dunkle |
| **A/V TECHNICIAN** | Becky Cole | Danielle Dadashi |  |
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